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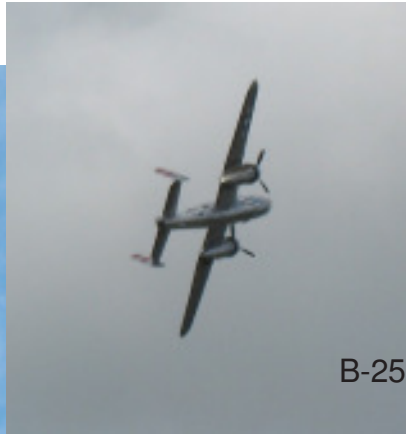
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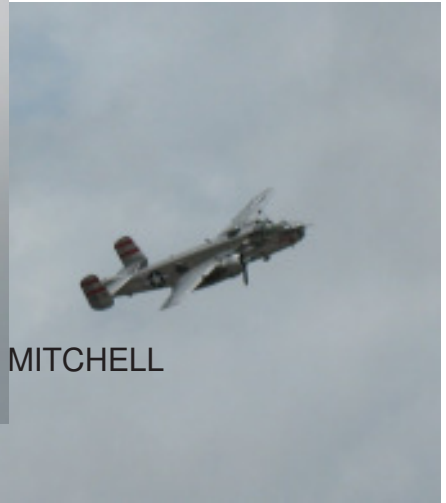
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Views From MCAS Cherry Point Air Show



B-25 MITCHELL



CANADIAN SNOWBIRDS



Photos By: Capt. Don Penven

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Iredell Comp. Sqdn. Trains Members

April 28, 2009

Nine members of the Iredell Composite Squadron of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol recently completed Ground Team Member training. The members of Class 1208 were recognized recently during a special ceremony at the squadron's base at the Statesville Regional Airport. The five officers and four cadets that graduated are now fully qualified to respond to search and rescue missions assigned by the U.S. Air Force and to assist state and local authorities. The members of the class received training in locating distress beacons, employing search techniques while on foot, map and compass skills, radio operations and basic first aid skills.

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Left to Right: Kneeling - Cadet Drake Dufault, Cadet Joshua McCoy, Cadet Emily Mercer and Cadet Charles Willis. Standing - 2nd Lt Leroy Harris, 2nd Lt Terry Harris, 2nd Lt Jacob Deal, 2nd Lt Norman Dufault
2nd 1st Lt Mario Capobianco. Photo By Capt. Jim Mixson

Raleigh-Wake Color Guard Performs At Durham Bulls Game

2nd Lt. Marie Shanley
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North Carolina Wing



North Carolina – Over 7,700 fans watched as the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron Cadet Color Guard presented the colors at the Durham Bull's game May 15 against the Louisville Bats at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham, NC.

The presentation was in participation of the baseball club's Armed Forces Day. While the Color Guard presented the colors, the Capital City Girls Choir sang the National Anthem, followed by Staff Sergeant Phillip Fontes throwing out the first pitch.

Cadets Jeremiah Coogan, Stephen Coogan, Michael Sowell and Tyler Shanley represented the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron Color Guard. In addition to the Color Guard, several other cadets, senior members and families were in attendance and were treated to a Bulls win.

Photo by: 2nd. Lt. Marie Shanley



Carolina WingTips

NEW

Guidelines For Submissions to The NCWG Website and Carolina WingSpan

To simplify submissions the following steps must be followed:

1. **Articles are to be sent in the body of an email.** Include suggested headline, rank, unit of author. Please use Times New Roman or Arial type fonts. **DO NOT EMBED PHOTOS IN THE BODY OF THE EMAIL.**
2. Attach photos to the same email. Articles and photos submitted piecemeal will be returned.
3. Place the following information on the subject line: ***CAP Media Release From (Your rank/name) Photos Attached.*** This same format will work for submissions to CAP News and most media outlets.

It can't get much easier than this.

- Compose your article in MS Word. Save it as a .doc and **not** .docx format
- **Try to** format photos as follows: 250 dpi, 2-3 Mb (No cell phone shots, please) Blow up your photos--if they are fuzzy or out of focus--do not submit them! Identify each photo with ID of persons in photo, Left to Right. If action in photo is not clearly identifiable--explain it.
- Submission deadline: the 25th of each month unless otherwise specified
- Articles about unit or group activities must be approved by the appropriate commander
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- Submit articles to: carolina.wingspan@ncwg.cap.gov

Capt. Don Penven, Editor

Pilot Recruiting and Retention Officer Needed

NCWG Pilots

I'm looking for one person from each group who is willing to take on a "small job". We at the operations staff are looking to increase our pilot base, and keep the pilots we have and recruit. I'm looking for one person from each of the five groups who would be willing to take on a position as Pilot Recruiting and Retention Officer for their respective Group. Below is a list of the responsibilities.

- Coordinate pilot drives in your respective groups.
- Make sure an airplane and aircrew is available for every flying event in the respective group. (i.e. Fly-in's, wing weekends, etc.)
- work with squadrons to create a squadron pilot recruiting plan.
- make sure posters and cap advertisement material is available at every local FBO in your respective group.
- Be able to meet once a quarter with the Wing DOV and discuss progress and plan. (Must likely meet in Burlington area.)
- Make sure these pilots we recruit are able to get some stick time in a CAP airplane.
- This position will require a little leg work, however it will pay off in the end.

If you are interested please send me an email with the following info:

- Length of CAP Membership, Pilot ratings, and All your Contact info.

We do require the person be at least a private pilot. Please respond as soon as possible, we have a lot of work to do!!!!

Joey R. Surles, Capt, CAP
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North Carolina Wing



MER Info: CAP-GSAR Report

The CAP GSAR concluded on Sunday May 10th with 30 students and 10 staff coming together over two weekends to offer the Virginia Department of Emergency Managements Field Team Member (FTM) and Field Team Leader (FTL) classes.

there were 30 students in the FTM class and 5 in the FTL class. I am happy to report that 27 of the FTM students passed and 4 of the FTL passed.

For those involved Lt Col White-Carter won her bet for the sixth straight year.

We had students from four of the MER Wings, Virginia, National Capital, Maryland and North Carolina.

Over the next few weeks the students SQTRs will be validated and mailed to them. They will also have earned the GTM basic or senior badge.

As a staff we want to thank Col Joe Vasquez, the commander of MER for supporting this effort.

DAVID A. CARTER, Lt Col, CAP
CAPGSAR IC

SLS Offered in Elizabeth City

The Elizabeth City Composite Squadron is looking to hold an SLS during the weekend of July 25 / 26 most likely at the ECG airport. Ramp space can be provided for those flying in. Also there are one or two extra open beds and a lot of free floor space for those looking to keep lodging costs down. As of now we are requesting that anyone interested in attending as an instructor or student please contact us by email. This is for reporting requirements to the wing PDO. Thanks for the interest!

William Isbell, Major
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Say Again, Please

Cessna 12345:

"Oakland Center, Cessna Four Five Six. Am I still getting flight following? I was looking at my chart and might have missed a call."

Oakland Center:

"Cessna Four Five Six, you're still on my radar and receiving flight following."

Cessna 12345:

"Thank you, ma'am. I just hadn't had a call for a while."

Oakland Center:

"Flight following is like a marriage. The less I talk to you, the better off we are."

Norm Champ
via e-mail

HURRICANE HUNTER AIRCRAFT DRAWS RECORD CROWD AT RDU

May 6, 2009

Raleigh, NC – The thunderstorms and tornados were yesterday’s breaking news, so many of the NC media outlets converged on RDU to witness the arrival of the National Weather Service (NWS) P3 Orion Hurricane Hunter. At exactly 9:30 a.m. the four-engine turboprop taxied up to the General Aviation Terminal (GAT), anxiously awaited by a large crowd of adults and children. A short time later busload after busload of elementary school students began pouring into the GAT. Several exhibits were placed around the terminal—some staffed by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) members, the RDU Airport Authority, American Red Cross and by Civil Air Patrol.

Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron Commander, Capt. Tim Tessin, worked with the airport authority and NOAA during the planning of the event. “This has been beyond our wildest dreams,” Tessin said of the record crowds drawn to see firsthand, the inner workings of an aircraft that penetrated some of the worst weather conditions imaginable, and to also view a CAP aircraft that serves during hurricane disaster relief and search and rescue missions.

First stop for the school children was an introduction to CAP conducted in the terminal’s conference room. Capt. Bob Beichner, Raleigh-Wake Aerospace Education Officer, gave a brief story of what CAP is, what it does and the kinds of opportunities available for CAP cadets. Beichner had prepared a PowerPoint presentation. “CAP has lots to offer children from age 12 to 18,” Beichner told the groups.

Once on the ramp, each class toured the Orion aircraft, and then they were given a chance to sit at the controls of the CAP Cessna 182 glass cockpit airplane. Tessin, Capt. Shawn McComas and Maj. Craig Winkleman, CAP certified search and rescue pilots, were on hand throughout the day with the airplane.

Under the command of Cadet Colonel Jeremiah Coogan, a minimum of fourteen CAP cadets at any one time assisted on the ramp with crowd control and at the CAP displays.

NOAA’s Jeff Orrock, Preparedness Meteorologist, who is in charge of the national P3 Orion tour, said that he believed this was the largest crowd so far, and he said that several college groups were still expected to attend later in the day. “We’ve had emergency management personnel from all around the state. Our people are stressing the urgent need for hurricane preparedness and today we are getting that message to the people who need to hear it,” Orrock said.

Orrock said that he had talked with TV staff from stations ranging from Greensboro to New Bern, NC. To add a little more excitement to the mix, at 2:30 p.m., the National Weather Service in Raleigh issued a Tornado Watch for most of Central NC. This was followed shortly by a severe thunderstorm warning, which passed directly over RDU.



L-R: Capt. Bob Breichner, Maj. Craig Winkleman, Capt. Tim Tessin, 1st. Lt Shawn McComas of the Raleigh-Wake Comp. Sqdn.



NOAA WP-3 Orion Hurricane Hunter “Miss Piggy” Arrives At RDU

Article and Photos by Capt. Don Penven, NC-048 PAO

Topsail Squadron Will Hold Ground Team Training In July

The Topsail Composite Squadron will be holding a 4 day school on Holly Shelter Game Lands that will cover GTM2 and GTM1 on July 10-13. Additional training will include advanced training using DF equipment on a variety of DF units such as L-Per, Tracker, Vecta 2, and Doppler. We will have outside instructors from NASAR coming to teach canine search, and basic man tracking techniques. This is an advanced school so expect fast paced training and a lot of time in the woods training. Sign in for the event will be at 1400 Monday afternoon and end of the event will be approximately noon on Sunday.

Students must be at least GTM3/T with all P&F signed off and majority of Advanced Training Signed off along with at least 1 mission number to apply, but is recommended to be fully qualified GTM3 prior to the school. CAP Test 116, and all 3 sections of the 117 are REQUIRED along with IS-100, and IS-700, BCUT and First Aid. These tests must be shown on NCWG by July 5 or your application will be declined. 24 hour and extended duration packs are required along with anything else you need for 4 days in the woods. You will also need to bring a CAP Form 60, 101, and 31 to the event. We will be providing food for 3 days but you will be eating out of your packs on the last day. Due to expenses of fuel, food, and NASAR instructors, and patches we will be charging \$30 for this event. Apply online at <http://agts.topsailcomposite.com>. Many students with GTM2 qualifications will also be chosen by staff to help instruct GTM2 and help with some mission staff work.

Instructors must be GTM1 qualified, SET, ACUT qualified and have extensive experience in missions. 24 hour and extended duration packs are required along with anything else you need for 4 days in the woods. You will also need to bring a CAP Form 60, 101, and 31 to the event. Apply online at <http://agts.topsailcomposite.com>. We need to know who will be available as instructors ASAP. Please email me if you plan on attending the school as an instructor.

All applications are due by June 30 with squadron commander approval. After your application is submitted your squadron commander must email me or gtschool@topsailcomposite.com or call (910)274-4503 and approve of all members from their squadron to attend the event as well as sign the CAPF 31. This approval is required as a method of verifying members applying are in good standing and meet requirements or will meet requirements to attend the school. If you plan on attending and can not access the online application please email me and I will give further instructions.

Please remember this school will be held entirely in the woods of Holly Shelter when preparing your gear and be ready to assemble an improvised shelter at any point during the event. The school will be difficult and fast paced but when you leave the game lands Monday afternoon you will have an advanced understanding of ground search and rescue.

This event is not affiliated with the Johnston County Basic Ground Team School, and is coordinated and hosted by the Topsail Composite Squadron.

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Travis J. Connelly, C/CMSgt, CAP
MER-NC-803, Cadet Commander

NC Wing Commander Delivers Squadron Charter to New Unit

Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Squadron is the First High School-Sponsored Unit in NC

May 14, 2009

Raleigh, NC – The Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School for Leadership and Technology was seeking leadership training courses, and just one student came up with a suggestion. Kyle Zobel, 16, approached school officials with a unique idea—allow the formation of a Civil Air Patrol unit at the school.

Cadet 1st Lt. Zobel who is a rising junior at the school and a member of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron, along with the school's leadership coordinator, Ms. Bridget Bryant, quickly teamed up and enlisted aid from Raleigh-Wake's commander, Capt. Tim Tessin, North Carolina Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Lt. Col. Al Therriault and Capt. Terri Zobel, Raleigh-Wake testing officer. In short order, Bryant achieved CAP membership and the "Bulldog" Flight was created with regular meetings at the school beginning in January of 2009.

According to Therriault, this was the first time in NC Wing history that a high school is the primary sponsor of a CAP unit. And yes, history does have a way of repeating itself, for on May 12, 2009, Bulldog Flight received its charter as the Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Cadet Squadron, MER-NC-850. (Note: the Bulldog is the school's mascot.)

Following the posting of the colors by the Raleigh-Wake Color Guard and the singing of our National Anthem by the school choir, NC Wing Commander, Col. Roy Douglass presented the new unit's charter to school principal, Mrs. Beulah Wright. On hand to witness the event were: Lt. Col. David Crawford, NC Wing Chief of Staff; Maj. Toby Wall, Group Two Commander; Capt. Tim Tessin, Raleigh-Wake Commander; Capt. Terri Zobel, SRMHS Squadron Commander; and Senior Member Bridget Bryant, Leadership Coordinator and CAP Liaison Officer.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Col. Douglass promoted five Bulldog members to the rank of Airman. They are Ryan Almich, Jasmine Lynch, Artie Johnson, Xavier Yarborough and Erin Forrest. To date, the new squadron has 20 members. Douglass also presented awards to two cadets from Raleigh-Wake: Cadet Capt. Stephen Coogan received the Earhart Award while Cadet 2nd. Lt. Seth Hall received the Mitchell Award.

In conversations with those officials attending the ceremony it was learned that squadron sponsorship is just the beginning for the school. Plans are underway to include Civil Air Patrol as a part of the curriculum. This idea is under consideration by the NC Dept. of Public Instruction. "Yes, that's right—leadership, professionalism, discipline and aerospace education will be combined in a subject taught at this pioneering high school. This would definitely be a first for North Carolina, and it could be a first in the Nation," Therriault said.

Capt. Don Penven

NC-048 PAO



L-R: Capt Tessin, Maj. Wall, Lt. Col Crawford, Col Douglass, Principal Wright, Capt. Zobel, SM Bryant

Photo By: Capt. Don Penven, PAO, NC-048

CAP Down East Squadrons Enjoy MCAS Cherry Point Airshow

Civil Air Patrol members from the Eastern NC area Group 3 set up shop at the MCAS Cherry Point Airshow 15-17 May in what can only be described as “wet and blustery” weather. Coastal Patrol Base 21 and Cunningham Field Composite Squadrons combined forces to show off the past year’s activities in a photographic/interactive exhibit designed to interest prospective members of all ages. Using a CAP C-172, two unit vans and a showcase of cadet-built rockets to draw in the public, the CAP members encouraged visitors to take a turn on the cockpit simulator and to view photographs from cadet rocket launches, orientation flights and emergency services training opportunities.

In between rain showers and gusty winds, the airshow provided the usual mix of airborne acrobatics, heritage flights, and ensemble flying. The Canadian Snowbirds, a favorite of the Eastern NC airshow circuit, performed in their compact CT-114 Tutor trainer jets. The afternoon brought sunnier skies, but intermittent low ceilings and showers prevented the acts from performing high-altitude routines.

Several of the CAP members were escorted into the hangar where the CT-114s rode out the wind and rain, and visited up close and personal with the aircraft.

Cunningham Field Commander Capt. Ray Hemphill and Coastal Patrol Base 21 Commander Maj. Fred Eldredge supervised the personnel manning the booth, vans and aircraft. Both commanders proved their superlative skills in “hangar flying” by offering cadets and seniors stories of missions that ranged from hair-raising to hilarious.

The damp and dedicated five cadets and seven senior members worked collecting recyclables around the venue, and greeted over a hundred visitors just on Saturday. Among them were CAP members and former members from as far away as Oklahoma and Puerto Rico wings. Teamwork and camaraderie characterizes Group 3, and the Cherry Point Airshow always brings out the best our squadrons have to offer.



Maj. Linda Eldredge and Snowbird
Pilot Lt. Casey Cole

Photos By: Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle



The Trojan Horsemen

Squadron Members Attend Memorial For Fallen Officers

RALEIGH, NC — On May 5th, 22 cadets and five senior members participated in the Virginia Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service at the Virginia State Library in Richmond, Va. The annual ceremony commemorated three officers who had been killed in the previous year.

The twenty-seven members were there to live out the CAP Core Value of Respect by honoring Detective Michael S Phillips of the Virginia Beach Police Department. On August 7th, 2008, Phillips was shot and killed in the war on drugs while participating in a narcotics “buy-bust” operation.

The CAP cadet color guard joined the Virginia State Police Color Guard as part of the honor cordon; bagpipes played as the families of the fallen officers, the Governor of Virginia, and several other dignitaries entered. All CAP members stood in formation to render honors.

After the posting of the Colors and the National Anthem, Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine delivered remarks. Then followed a roll call for the fallen officers. As the recognition of each officer concluded, the spine-chilling sound of the fire bell rang in the background. After the roll call, a bugler played Taps.

Detective Phillips was the uncle of C/1st Lt Kyle Zobel and brother of CAP Capt Terri Zobel. He had served with the Virginia Beach Police Department for six years and had previously served with the Hampton Police Department for three years. He served four years in the US Air Force.

Cadets and senior members from both Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron and Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School “Bulldog” Flight, both of North Carolina Wing, participated. Participants assembled in the early afternoon of May 5th at the Raleigh-Wake headquarters. After the ceremonies in Richmond were completed, the caravan returned to Raleigh. During the three-hour drive to Richmond, cadet officers in each vehicle led discussions about responsible decision-making and a drug-free lifestyle.

The activity was coordinated by Capt Terri Zobel, Unit Commander for Bulldog Flight, and Lt Col Albert Therriault, NCWG Director of Cadet Programs. The cadet color guard was formed of C/1st Kyle Zobel, C/Col Jeremiah Coogan, C/Maj Hamilton Evrard, and C/Capt Stephen Coogan.

Written by: C/Col Jeremiah Coogan, C/Amn Xavier Yarborough and C/Amn Erin Forrest
Photos by: 1st. Lt. Sam Brandt



Hurricane Awareness In Full Swing

On May 6, 2009 the NOAA WP-3D Orion Hurricane Hunter aircraft visited the Raleigh Durham International airport as part of the 2009 Hurricane Awareness Tour. The aircraft was greeted in the morning by hundreds of school children and media anxious to get onboard to get a first hand feel of the hurricane piercing plane.

Throughout the morning schools from both Wake and Durham counties sent nearly 700 students to the event which featured a presentation on hurricane forecasting and safety, tours of a Civil Air Patrol reconnaissance aircraft, the NOAA P3 Orion Hurricane Hunter and a specialized airport fire truck used for crash response. In addition to these displays NWS personnel showcased a vandergraph lightning making machine, a tornado machine along with a variety of meteorological instruments. By the end of the day nearly 2500 people visited the event touring the NOAA P3 Orion Hurricane Hunter.

The all day event included officials from the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Civil Air Patrol, American Red Cross and North Carolina Emergency Management. The success of the Raleigh portion of the 2009 Hurricane Awareness Tour would not have been a success if not for the involvement and dedication of these businesses and agencies. It was noted by the aircraft crew that Raleigh was one of the best tour stops they had ever seen based on the turnout and enthusiasm of everyone who came out to be part of the event.

NOAA P3 Orion Background

Two of the world's premier research aircraft, the renowned NOAA WP-3D Orion's, participate in a wide variety of national and international meteorological, oceanographic and environmental research programs in addition to their widely known use in hurricane research and reconnaissance. Data collected during hurricanes by these airborne meteorological platforms are fed into numerical computer models to provide better forecasts of how intense a hurricane will be, and when and where it will make landfall. These data fulfill two important purposes: to help forecasters make accurate predictions during a hurricane; and to help NOAA researchers achieve a better understanding of storm processes.

Slicing through the eye wall of a hurricane, buffeted by howling winds, blinding rain, violent updrafts and downdrafts before entering the relative calm of the storm's eye, NOAA's two Lockheed WP-3D Orion turboprop aircraft probe the very nature of the storm, repeating the grueling experience a number of times during the course of a 9-10 hour mission. In support of scientists from NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Hurricane Research Division, crew members deploy instruments called GPS (Global Positioning System) dropwindsondes as the WP-3D Orion aircraft penetrates the hurricane. These devices continuously radio back measurements of pressure, humidity, temperature and wind as they fall toward the sea, providing a detailed look at the structure of the hurricane and its intensity.

Websites of Interest:

NOAA WP-3D Orion: http://www.aoc.noaa.gov/aircraft_lockheed.htm

NOAA Aircraft Operations: <http://www.aoc.noaa.gov/>

National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Cadet of the Year

Local CAP member honored for leadership and academic achievement

By SM Jordan Drake

Boone Composite Squadron Public Affairs

5/14/09 - Boone, NC -

During the most recent meeting of the Boone Composite Squadron, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Max Robertson was recognized by the Air Force Association (AFA) as the outstanding cadet of the year, an honor given by each local chapter of the AFA to a CAP, ROTC, or JROTC member who stands out in areas of leadership, and academic standing. Presenting the award was retired US Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Kenneth R. Walters, who, as the Blue Ridge Chapter's President, explained that, "the commendation is the most prestigious award possible for a cadet to receive from the Air Force Association."

At 17, Cadet Robertson is certainly deserving of the honor, a Civil Air Patrol member of four years, he has progressed through the program with distinction, most recently as the cadet commander of the Boone Composite Squadron. He has also been accepted to the Air Force Academy and will be attending this summer. The award was given at a meeting that marked more than one milestone for his career, Robertson also took time to pass his command of the squadron to Cadet Second Lieutenant Emily Bullock, and to bid a fond farewell to his fellow cadets. In an address charged by the announcement of his last meeting, and his passing of the command, he encouraged the members to strive for excellence, and to never stop learning and growing. Robertson told cadets, "when I return to visit at the end of the year, I expect you to be better cadets, followers, and leaders than you are right now." His words were met with a standing ovation as were the introductory remarks by the new commander, Emily Bullock.

While the evening's events were certainly momentous in nature, they were by no means uncommon for the Boone Squadron. Three of it's members have been accepted to military academies in recent years, and many more have been given ROTC scholarships or have simply enlisted in the various branches of the armed services. Those who leave the squadron to pursue civilian careers have all been impacted and benefited by their experiences and take their training with them into whatever line of work they pursue.



Franklin County Open House A Big Success

Back in February, we held an open house at the Franklin County Airport, now called Triangle North Executive Airport. It was a huge success and we are planning another one in the fall. Lt Col Pam Strug had talked me through a few things and made some strong suggestions regarding recruitment and good times to do it. We were lucky enough to have some one in the school system at Bunn Middle school, who has done a wonderful job at spreading the word about CAP there. Since that time, We have trippled the number of cadets in our squadron and they are all attending on a regular basis. I have recently made a challenge to each of the cadets to invite one friend of theirs to a meeting, and so on. I would like to tripple the size of our squadron by the end of the year. That's about 45 cadets on a meeting night! SM Ben Cason has done a superb job at bringing in cadets. He has also recently been safely checked out as a form 5 CAP pilot and cadet orientation pilot by Major Craig Winkelman of the Raleigh-Wake Squadron. We have also had the pleasure of Lt Sam Brandt come up and work with our cadets on the AE side of things.

The seniors also know that we need to recruit senior help. The word is getting out and we have a few prospects coming in the next couple of weeks.

We started the Cadet Great Start Program in the begining of March and it has been a huge success! The only thing that the cadets are currently working on is the CPFT. Some of them are a little out of shape, but we have some plans to take care of that. They all passed their academic test for their Curry award with flying colors! They also all have BDU's that look great.

We are currently working on getting photos of them on a website so others may take a look and see what we are doing.

We are in the middle of doing a bunch of cadet orientation flights, weather permitting, and hope to get more cadets talking in school about the flights.

Major Wall, Major Nouredine, Lt Col Al Therriault, Lt Col Dom Strug have been huge supporters of our growth and Raleigh-Wake has helped us with some things as well. And, I can't leave out Cadet Col Coogan and Cadet Capt Coogan and their color guard.

We look forward to what the next few months have on tap for us as we grow, and start ES training with seniors and cadets. We have quite a busy summer planned with Rockets, color guard and Emergency Services.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend and enjoy the weather!

Matthew Mickelson, Major, CAP
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Group III Change of Command and Awards

23 May 2009, Greenville, NC

LtCol. Dan Ellis, Group III CO, conducted a Change of Command and Awards ceremony at the quarterly Group III meeting, with nearly all the active squadrons in the group represented.

The ceremony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation from Group III Chaplain Major Ed. Fleagle, NC160. LtCol. Ellis presented three members of the Group with Certificates of Appreciation: Major Fred Eldredge, NC140, for his work as Operations Officer and Aircraft Custodian; Capt.. Bob Johnston, NC169, for organizing and instituting use of the new Group III webpage, www.mer-nc003cap.org; C/Msgt Rosemary Ellis, NC160, for her assistance at each meeting as needed. Major Linwood Dabney, NC160, received a plaque as outgoing Commander for that squadron, and a "well done" for almost four years of service in that capacity.

During the Change of Command, Major Dabney relinquished command of NC 160 to Capt. Ray Hemphill, a long-time CAP member from New Bern, NC. Capt. Hemphill was for many years an active member of the New Bern Squadron before its deactivation.

Upcoming events in the Group include an AE Rocketry Day on 6 June in Trenton, NC, coordinated by AEO Maj. MaryAnne Fleagle; a cadet camping trip to Virginia June 29-July 2 with the Elizabeth City Squadron for ES training with Va. cadets; cadet encampment next month at Camp LeJeune.

Members were reminded of "must do" online courses such as AC Ground Handling Video, OPSEC, ORM, Safety Officer course and others.

Submitted by:

Major Linda Eldredge CAP
PAO Group III
PAO NC140



L-R: Maj. Dabney, Lt. Col. Ellis, Capt. Hemphill



Front Row: Maj. Eldredge, C/Msgt. Ellis
Back Row: Maj. Dabney, Lt. Col. Ellis, Capt. Johnson



L-R: Maj. Dabney, Lt. Col. Ellis

Former Cadet Returns, Assists with DDR Program

Former CAP cadet Nicholas Cooper, now a member of the U. S. Navy's 12th Dental Company, MCAS Cherry Point, NC, stands alongside a DDR poster presented to the Dental Company's clinic director, Capt. Donal McGonegal by Maj. Linda Eldredge, DDRA for NC 140, Beaufort, NC. HN Cooper is soon to be a Senior Member of NC 160, Cunningham Composite Squadron, MCAS Cherry Point, NC, and is very excited about working with the cadet program. Maj. Eldredge places other posters around the base at various locations such as the Library and the Teen Activity Center to promote CAP's DDR program.



Photo by Maj. L. Eldredge

Maj. Linda Eldredge, CAP, DDRA
Coastal Patrol Base 21
Beaufort, NC

August Commander's Call ... Attn. Group and Unit Commanders

As the saying goes in an organization that I once worked, "When the first bullet zings by, the plan changes." In our case the first and second bullets have already zinged by and our proposed plan for a weekend at Baden Field is changed.

Sorry to be so long getting back to you regarding the proposed change of date and location for the commander's call in August. However, not all the group commanders are able to make the change. Consequently we will have the Commander's Call as originally scheduled at Wing HQ on 8 August. This call will also double as our planning session for FY10 with the wing staff. We'll go to as long as the planning takes, so please plan not to depart HQ early.

It is imperative that each of you and as many of your commanders as possible attend the call and planning session. There will be a requirement for your input to many of the areas requiring planning, and each of you will be provided the wing ops plan for the new FY that we have to submit it to higher HQ by the end of July. You must hear and understand this information, especially as it pertains to aircraft activity. In addition to Ops, other wing staff will require your input, such as the professional development training dates and locations, cadet activities, aerospace education activities, DDR and others. Come prepared to provide meaningful input for locations and proposed dates for our wing activities in FY10.

Your input will also be solicited for the October Wing Conference - especially seminars.

See you on 8 August, if not in July or earlier. Please have a very safe weekend!

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Roy W. Douglass, Col, CAP
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Dear CAP Volunteer:

Join me May 25 in observance of one of the most important days of the year – Memorial Day. It is on this day – the last Monday of May – that we pause to honor the hundreds of thousands of courageous men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who have died in defense of America, in wars and other military service. Their ultimate sacrifice must not go unnoted. Because of them, we enjoy many freedoms today. They paid for those freedoms with their lives.

I encourage you to take time during this holiday weekend to honor America's fallen heroes. Many of you, especially our combat veterans, know the importance of such a remembrance. You have fought and served courageously alongside these men and women, both at home and abroad. We salute you on this day as well.

Some of the American heroes that we remember today served their country in World War II as members of the Coastal Patrol, which later became the Civil Air Patrol. They were volunteer aviators who, inspired by the highest sense of patriotism and pride in their mission, valiantly defended their homeland by acting as sub-chasers along America's shores. Fifty-nine members of these brave aircrews died; 26 were lost at sea. Their legacy of selfless service to country led to Public Law 557, which made CAP the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force soon after the war ended.

We are proud of this legacy of volunteer service, and equally proud of our partnership with the U.S. Air Force. Whatever the need and whenever the call, you are always vigilant in your service to America. It is a commitment that now spans seven decades and one that we celebrate this Memorial Day, as we pause to remember all who gave so much.

Always vigilant!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy S. Courter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

AMY S. COURTER
Major General, CAP
National Commander

NC Wing Unit Completes Successful Day of Lake Patrols

Aircrews and Mission Base Staff Receive Valuable Training

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 24, 2009

Raleigh, NC – NC Wing members completed two Lake Patrol aerial sorties on Saturday, May 23 from the mission base established at the Raleigh-Wake Squadron HQ in the General Aviation Terminal (GAT), RDU. Mission Safety Officer, Maj. John Maxfield said, “From a training and mission execution standpoint, the mission was a complete success today.” Maxfield said that the two sorties included communicating and coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on Falls and Jordan lakes, taking aerial photos of bridges, dams and other infrastructure as practice for disaster relief and damage assessment—all the while looking for boaters in need of assistance.

Incident Commander, Lt. Col. David Crawford said that it was a full day of very valuable training for our aircrews. “An added feature was the use of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) equipment that allows us to track our aircraft in real time.” Crawford said that this new technology will eventually change the nation’s air traffic control system from one that relies on radar technology to a system that uses precise location data from the global satellite network. CAP’s use of ADS-B is part of a project with the NC Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation and the FAA. This equipment gives mission managers and emergency management personnel immediate position information for Emergency Services aircraft.

Low ceilings and scattered thunderstorms resulted in the cancellation of Lake Patrols that had been scheduled for Sunday and Monday, Memorial Day, May 25.

Capt. Don Penven

NC-048 PAO



L-R: Capt. Don Williams, Mission Pilot; Capt. Bob Beichner, Mission Observer.

Photo by: 2nd. Lt. Jerry Wood, Mission Scanner



Photo: Recent rains fill Raleigh-area lake to capacity.

Photo by: 2nd. Lt Chuck Clayton

NC Wing Honor Guard Academy Graduates 17 Cadets

Memorial Day, has become a day off work, getting the boat on the lake for the first time of the year, sparsely attended parades and cook-outs. What ever happened to the days of honoring our veterans and those that have given their all for this free nation? Well fortunately it is alive in the cadets of the NC Wing. Eighteen of our cadets spent the weekend learning the meaning of;

“I am constantly driven to excel by a strong sense of dedication, patriotism, love for my fellow man, God, Country, and Civil Air Patrol”. Powerful words from the Honor Guard Creed and cadets from across the Wing gathered to learn what they mean.

Gathering on Friday at the NC Justice Academy – West they began with advancing their basic marching skills and learning a new and different version of facing movements. Saturday continued with precision drilling movements, casket carry and flag folding. Saturday evening was spent watching the movie “Taking Chance” starring Kevin Bacon. A very powerful movie of a Marine Corps LTC, Bacon, who is escorting a fallen Marine back to his family in the Midwest from Dover. The film also set the stage for the Moral Leadership discussion held Sunday Morning, lead by 1LT Robert Logel of Boone. Based on the responses of the cadet they were learning and understanding the Honor and Dignity that each of our veteran deserves on their final ride. It was quite evident in the professional way they finished their training on Sunday.

Graduation ceremony on Sunday evening put all the pieces together. Attended by friends and family the new NC Wing Honor Guard members performed their drills with dignity, precision and honor. Demonstrations included Flag posting, casket movements, wreath presentation, and flag folding.

Special thanks and appreciation are given to the programs instructor Maj Max Benbow, LtCol Rich Augur who was instrumental is working through the CC&PS Grant to obtain the new Honor Guard gear presented to the cadets at graduation, and the NC National Guard Honor Guard for the use of their training caskets.

You would think that would be enough to fill a weekend, but that was not the end. We had senior officers there as well, learning more about the cadet program. Capt Terri Zobel, Flight Commander of our newly formed 850 unit at Southeast Raleigh High School was leading Maj Katterjohn of Asheville and 1LT Logel and 2LT Fitzpatrick of Boone through the paces of a TLC Program. As part of the program they joined forces with the cadets for their military skills clinic.

The weekend wrapped up at the Western NC Veteran’s Cemetery in Black Mtn. On Monday morning the new Honor Guard convoyed to the cemetery to join in the memorial ceremony held each year.

A great weekend of training and remembering those who deserve to be treated with the utmost of dignity and honor, what more could you ask for a Memorial Day?

Lt. Col. Al Therriault

NC Wing Director of Cadet Programs

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Photos by: Dan Hampton

